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BASE STATION PHYSICIANS' COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

Tuesday, March 20, 2007

Members Present

Castro, Ben – Co. Paramedics Agencies' Committee
Davis, M.D., Dan – UCSD/Mercy Air
Glasser, M.D., Judd – Tri-City
Grad, M.D., Michele – Palomar/Pomerado
Kramer, M.D., Mark – Sharp Memorial
Linnik, M.D., Bill – Sharp Grossmont
Morikado, M.D., Lisa – Scripps La Jolla
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Sharp Memorial
Schwartz, M.D., Brad – American Medical Response
Stonecipher, R.N., Joanne – Southwestern College
Zahller, M.D., Steve – Scripps Mercy

County Staff Present

Haynes, M.D., Bruce
Metz, R.N., Marcy
Pate, R.N., Rebecca
Stepanski, Barbara

Recorder

Rupp, Merle

Guests Present

Allington, R.N., Linda – Carlsbad Fire
Anderson, R.N., Marilyn – Vista Fire
Barnes, R.N., Melanie – S.D. Med. Serv. Enterprise
Broyles, R.N., Linda – Scripps La Jolla
Cerrone, R.N., Sharon – Mercy Air
Childers, Richard – Naval Med. Ctr. San Diego
Dotson, R.N., Melody – UCSD
Graham, Dan – S.D. Co. Ambulance Association
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Palomar
Hampton, Matt – San Marcos Fire
Kremer, D.O., Arnie – Alvarado
Kusman, Travis – American Medical Response
Marugg, Jim – S.D. Co. Paramedics' Association
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Sharp Grossmont
Morton, Chuck – San Marcos Fire
Rainey, R.N., Susan – Tri-City
Sallee, M.D., Don – Naval Med. Ctr. San Diego
Seabloom, R.N., Lynne – Oceanside Fire
Smith, Dennis – Scripps Mercy
Smith, R.N., Susan – San Diego Fire Rescue
Smithson, James – UCSD
Workman, R.N., Debi – Palomar College

I. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judd Glasser, M.D., Chair, brought the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION made by Lisa Morikado, M.D., Seconded by Michele Grad, M.D., to approve the Minutes of February 20, 2007. MOTION carried.

III. MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

Update on RCS Radios: The RCS communication system was scheduled to be tested today as part of the Fail Soft exercise.

New STEMI Receiving Center: This morning (March 20, 2007), Naval Medical Center San Diego was activated as the newest STEMI Receiving Center in San Diego County.

Senate Bill 1773: This morning the County Board of Supervisors approved SB 1773 which provides for an additional \$2.00 of EMS fund (Maddy) revenue per \$10 base assessment. Sixty percent of the anticipated additional funds from this fee will go to physicians who provide uncompensated care and 15% to assist with pediatric trauma care.

Paradise Valley Hospital: Ownership has been transferred to Prime Healthcare. Some of the contracts have been terminated but will probably be re-negotiated. EMS will continue to monitor transfers and services.

STEMI Update: Door-to-balloon times continue to look good. EMS will be developing a report on the first two months of operation. A negative EKG in the field doesn't exclude an evolving STEMI or some other form of acute coronary syndrome. Pleuritic pain and palpated tenderness are often not sufficiently powerful as examination points to exclude cardiac disease.

Safety Net: County Health and Human Services Agency is convening a health care safety net roundtable and work groups to look at funding, advocacy, South County, and care coordination issues.

Drills: The City Readiness Initiative and the POD antibiotic distribution exercises were held recently. The graded SONGS exercise will be later this year. A recent "dress rehearsal" of the drill went well.

Infectious Disease Exposures: Want to make sure field providers receive immediate treatment after possible infectious disease exposures.

Equipment List: EMS has received several requests to make optional changes in the equipment list items. Will be reviewed and thoughts are appreciated.

IV. BASE HOSPITAL NURSE COORDINATOR'S REPORT (Linda Rosenberg, R.N.)

The Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators conducted an Intraosseous Study from January through December, 2006 with the criteria being a child less than eight years old, and medics unable to establish an I.V. Study revealed twenty-two pediatric patients with an average age of eleven months and 95% who had CPR. Of the I.O.'s attempted, there were three traumatic full arrests and fifteen medical CPR's. Sixteen of twenty-two patients had successful I.O.'s with thirteen on the first attempt, three successful on the second attempt. Success rate 73%. Was a big improvement over the previous year.

This meeting is the last for Susan Rainey, R.N., BHNC for Tri-City, as she's moving out of state. She will be missed.

V. ROC UPDATE (Dan Davis, M.D.)

The Hypertonic Saline Study is up and running, and has enrolled its eleventh patient which was quicker than anticipated, and the medics and MICN's are doing a great job. If the medics enroll a patient, the base hospital needs to be contacted to inform Dr. Davis, and the trauma team needs to be informed as well.

Training is approximately three-quarters completed in the County for the Cardiac Arrest Study. Final approval was just received from UCSD for the Study. A site plan will be developed and the Study will hopefully begin in April or May, 2007. The agencies need to begin simultaneously.

VI. POLICY FOR REVISION (S-416)

ACTION: Policy S-416 was approved as submitted.

VII. REVIEW OF PROTOCOL (S-143)

This policy was decided not to be pursued any further as it is incorporated in other policies.

VIII. AMIODARONE VS. LIDOCAINE

Discussion ensued on the comparisons of these two medications. Amiodarone would need to be reviewed and approved at the State level. Dr. Haynes suggested that it would be good if Amiodarone vs. Lidocaine could be studied under the ROC umbrella as more information is needed regarding the role of these medications and their effect. **ACTION: Dr. Davis will speak to Jim Dunford, M.D. regarding the medications.**

**IX. HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THREATS (HACOT)
(Jim Dunford, M.D.)**

(Dr. Haynes): HACOT has not met for a couple of months. Once a new County Public Health Officer is appointed, the group will begin meeting regularly again.

**X. SAN DIEGO HEALTHCARE DISASTER COUNCIL
(Linda Rosenberg, R.N.)**

HRSA Year Five contracts are slowly being returned to the County for review.

A "hot wash" review will be held this Wednesday, March 21, 2007 to critique the County-wide disaster drill that occurred on March 8-9, 2007.

The NDMS (National Disaster Medical Services) will be conducting a drill May 14-15, 2007.

XI. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Discussion ensued on the utilization of hallway beds as a solution to overcrowding in hospital emergency rooms. One hospital went to State DHS and were told they couldn't do it. One hospital in Orange County used one bed on each floor where the patient could wait until the inpatient bed was ready, provided the patient needed minimal monitoring. State DHS was invited by the Orange County hospital to come and review this situation and they sent a representative who assessed the situation, went away for months, then followed up with a letter stating it wasn't legal to do that. Someone added that there is a nurse who can come and speak on this situation. **ACTION: It was recommended Dr. Haynes contact the Orange County nurse and see if she/he can come and speak on it. Place on the next agenda for Tuesday, April 17, 2007.**

XII. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, April 17, 2007, 11:00 a.m. at Sharp Spectrum Auditorium, 8695 Spectrum Center Court, Kearny Mesa, San Diego.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Merle Rupp, Board Secretary
County EMS